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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF TREASURY
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
SECRETARY OF LABOR
SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
AND BUDGET
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Today I am transmitting to the Congress my Message on Drug Abuse, which is attached. Drug abuse is one of our most serious social problems and I place high priority on reducing the harm that it causes. I count on you to work with me in this effort.

In my Message there are specific directives and tasks for each of you, some to be accomplished within a set time frame. Please coordinate your response with Dr. Peter Bourne, Director of the Office of Drug Abuse Policy. Dr. Bourne and his staff will be responsible for following up on the directives, and will be available to offer you assistance.

Jimmy Carter

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CIA plays an important role in support of the Federal programs aimed at the international aspects of the multi-billion dollar illicit narcotics trafficking conspiracy. From our experience, dating back to 1969, in collecting information on foreign trafficking, we have gained considerable knowledge about foreign traffickers, their methods and routes for transporting drugs and their sources of supply. This information is collected from a variety of human sources and technical means; is analyzed by highly skilled intelligence analysts; and is reported either as raw information or as finished intelligence reports and studies to U.S. narcotics policy makers and law enforcement officials who must have the best information available in order to devise more effective worldwide narcotics control programs.


The Agency has assigned a high priority to the collection of foreign narcotics intelligence information. Emphasis is placed on the principal narcotics producing countries of Southeast Asia, Latin America and South Asia. Our overseas installations collect narcotics information in response to a wide range of requirements, including but not limited to: crop estimates, pricing and marketing data, corruption among foreign officials who may be assisting or

protecting the traffickers and on the willingness and ability of foreign governments to control the production and movement of drugs abroad. In addition, CIA collects a considerable amount of data on the foreign traffickers themselves, on their supporting networks, on the movement of drugs, on methods of concealment and on clandestine refineries. Much of this information is made available to U.S. and foreign law enforcement agencies who can then take appropriate action. CIA information has made a significant contribution toward immobilizing foreign trafficking networks, uncovering their hidden supplies of narcotics, dismantling their secret laboratories, and disrupting the movement of drugs.

With regard to our analytical and scientific functions, our analysts . . . and I am basing this statement on the evaluations we receive from our customers such as the White House Office of Drug Abuse Policy and the office of the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State for Narcotics Matters . . . produce some of the best, most timely and detailed narcotics studies and profiles available. We also publish a regular bi-weekly international narcotics

study that is recognized throughout the Washington community. Finally, in the scientific area, CIA is leading the narcotics intelligence community effort to improve our capability to monitor opium poppy cultivation.

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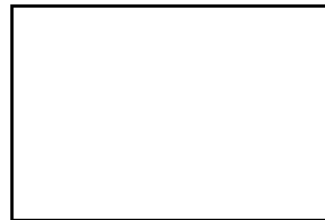
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